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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER
AND FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 CFR § 1.53(b))**

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) is:

- ☐ a patent application
☐ a Continuation ☒ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application no.: 10/268,034; filed October 9, 2002, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.
☐ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____; filed _____.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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Entitled: **CUSHIONING DEVICE FOR FURNITURE**

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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 13 pages of Specification (including 12 claims)
3. ☒ 7 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
 - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
 - b. ☒ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below])
 - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.


7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. ☐ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
9. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449.
11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
12. ☐ English Translation Document
13. ☐ Certified Copy of Application No. ; Filed
14. ☐ Sequence Listing/ Sequence Listing Diskette
 - a. ☐ computer readable copy
 - b. ☐ paper copy
 - c. ☐ statement in support
15. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney
16. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (*Should be specifically itemized*)
17. ☐ Deletion of Inventors(s) (Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application. See 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
18. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form.
19. ☒ Other: Remarks Accompanying Filing of Divisional Application

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0220 in the amount of \$.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0220:
 - a. ☒ Additional filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
 - b. ☒ Additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,



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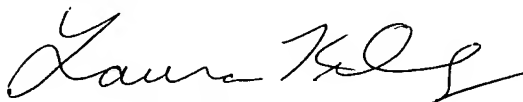
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REMARKS ACCOMPANYING FILING OF DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

Dear Sirs:

The present divisional application is being filed with Claims 1-11 and 54 (renumbered as Claims 1-12) from parent application U.S. Serial No.: 10/268,034 directed to non-elected Inventions identified in the Restriction Requirement of the parent application which has now been allowed. The Claim for Priority on page 1 of the Specification has been amended to include a claim for priority to the parent application. Favorable examination and allowance of the present divisional application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

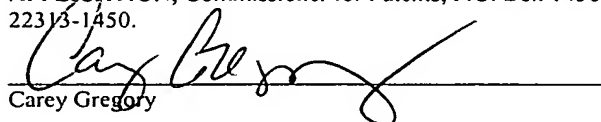


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